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The Quest for Data

The Maine Bureau of Highway Safety is retooling how grants are offered. Finding the right “formula” for getting grant money to the right agency for the right purpose is our goal. We are presently collecting enforcement data from each agency as an element to this formula. We are also looking at vehicle miles traveled by community and crash history, particularly those with injury and those coded with relevant causation factors. The outcome of the formula will divvy up the grant money by county.

As you may know data is crucial in the new NHTSA rules. Reliable data is more important. We often have questionable data—**unbelted** crashes for example. When you show up at a crash scene and everyone is standing around you can only rely on statements that everyone was belted in. *No one lies to the police*. How can one dispute the statement. Code the crash as stated. Distracted driving, however, is another battle. A driver plows into a line of stopped cars... We’ve all seen it. How does this happen? Someone was not paying attention. What were they doing? Of course they were not using their electronics (*No one lies to the police*) but something distracted them to the point of not seeing a line of vehicles at a stop light. Ask. Investigate. You may not get enough information for a preponderance of evidence for a summons but its fair to say driver distraction was a causation factor on the crash report. You don’t have to know if it was texting, eating or Armor-Alling the dashboard. People paying attention don’t drive into other cars.

The natural tendency, as nice officers, is to make the crash outcome as minimally impactful as possible on all drivers. Officers need to be investigators, not just fillers of the countless blocks for crash reports. TR

Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS)

DDACTS is a law enforcement operational model that integrates location-based crime and traffic crash data to establish effective and efficient methods for deploying law enforcement and other partner resources. By using geo-mapping to identify areas through temporal and spatial analysis, an agency identifies locations with high incidences of both crime and crashes, then deploys targeted traffic enforcement strategies to those “hot spots.” By saturating these locations with highly visible traffic enforcement, the DDACTS agency can play a simultaneous dual role: fighting crime as well as reducing traffic crashes and traffic violations. Drawing on the deterrent value of highly visible traffic enforcement and the knowledge that crimes often involve the use of motor vehicles, the goal of DDACTS is to reduce the incidence of crime, crashes, traffic violations, and social harm in communities across the country.

Read more at [NLELP](#)

The NHTSA will be bringing a DDACTs class to central Maine in the spring or early summer of 2017.

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November LEL Webinar: Roadside Oral Fluid Testing — On November 16 at 3:00 p.m. ET, the webinar "Launching Michigan's Oral Fluid Roadside Drug Analysis Pilot Program" will provide a look at how Michigan created a one-year roadside drug testing pilot program law that will allow law enforcement officers trained as Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) to administer a saliva test to drivers suspected of being under the influence of drugs such as marijuana and cocaine.

[More information and registration >>](#)



Norton traffic stop leads to drug bust

Police stopped a vehicle traveling in the wrong direction on a one-way street early Friday evening to find that the driver had an outstanding arrest warrant issued by the Attleboro (Ma) District Court for class D drug distribution, police said. After 38-year-old Jon Nason of Norton was placed under arrest, officers found a large amount of "Cannabutter" in his vehicle. Cannabutter is a marijuana-infused product often used to make edibles and is considered a class C substance.

Officers also found marijuana, paraphernalia consistent with drug distribution, a safe and a large amount of cash. A search warrant was issued for the safe and over \$16,000 was seized from Nason. [The Sun Chronicle](#)

**Wrong way driver enforcement!
Great work...
Not Impaired ?????**

MeBHS

Fourth Amendment and Roadside Stops Training

There will be training for 4th Amendment and Roadside Stops at Searsport Town Office on December 5, 2016, from 0900 hours to 1200 hours.

The instructor will be Detective Jim Gioia from the Attorney General's Office.

If anyone is interested in the training please contact:

Chief Richard LaHaye Jr. at 207-604-8532 or by email at searsportpolicechief@gmail.com.

Please park vehicles next door at the Public Safety building.

If there are any questions, please contact Chief LaHaye.

THE FOURTH AMENDMENT



First line Supervisors

Where do you deploy your officers for traffic enforcement?

- A. Where they can get the most tickets?
- B. Where you get the most citizen complaints?
- C. Where you have the most crashes?
- D. Where the public can see that you're serious about traffic enforcement?

The answer should be C. You should assign traffic details where the crashes are happening. The goal of traffic enforcement is crash reduction and voluntary compliance by all drivers. Data will tell you where the crashes occur. Check out this web site — <https://mdotapps.maine.gov/MaineCrashPublic/> Look at the mapping feature for your community. Those are DDACTS hotspots (page 1) Now you have complete justification for working traffic in specific areas. Its not targeting any groups or businesses. Based on this crash data you can assign officers where they'll be the most effective. Interesting is when you overlap 17A crimes you see where the real hotspots are located. Now you see how/why accurate crash data is so important to you as a first line supervisor. Stay safe and keep your people safe. TR

Sovereign Citizens Subject of Growing National Concern

— A recent article from the *Santa Fe New Mexican* highlights a New Mexico sovereign citizen whose home was recently the subject of a high-profile raid. On its website, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) describes sovereign citizens as a domestic threat that likely will grow as the nationwide movement is fueled by the Internet, the economic downturn, and seminars held across the country that spread the ideology.

[Read More](#)



Webinar Recording:

Current Drug Trends — If you missed the recent Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors' Traffic Tuesday webinar presentation from Tucson Police Department's Sergeant Christopher Andreacola, it is available for viewing online. "Current Drug Trends" covers a number of "new" drugs on the market as well as a return of some of the "oldies" making a comeback and reviews the current nomenclature and statistics, as well as expected signs and symptoms of drug use.

[View the recording >>](#)



'Drive Sober' Holiday Communications Strategies

Join us for a webinar on Nov 09, 2016 at 2:00 PM EST.

How can states creatively convey the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" message over the holidays? Join us on this webinar to learn about:

- * NHTSA's initiatives for the holiday Drive Sober effort
- * A NEW AdCouncil Buzzed Driving advertisement from NHTSA
- * Drive Sober assets for the holiday season

You'll also hear about some state plans for the holiday campaign and receive marketing suggestions from NHTSA.

Please note that the number of seats are limited. [Register](#)

[View System Requirements](#)

Updated Maine Revised Statutes Now Online

The following is sent to state departments and agencies on behalf of the Revisor of Statutes by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

The Office of Legislative Information Technology and the Office of the Revisor of Statutes are pleased to announce that the online version of the Maine Revised Statutes, reflecting changes made through the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature, which adjourned April 29, 2016, is now available at <http://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/>.

Each section, chapter and title of the Maine Revised Statutes may be downloaded in both MS-Word and PDF formats. Please note that this version of the Maine Revised Statutes is an unofficial version; I encourage you to check the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated for the official version.

If you find any errors or discrepancies in this online version of the Maine Revised Statutes, please contact the Revisor's Office at: statutes@legislature.maine.gov <<mailto:statutes@legislature.maine.gov>>.



60 Minutes News Report Aired Last Night on Legalization: Colorado Governor Urges Caution

The attached 60 Minutes news report is well done and shows the many unanswered questions in law enforcement, public health, and traffic safety that will arise here in Maine should we legalize. Also featured is Dr. Marilyn Huestis. She is a world-renowned toxicologist who recently retired from the National Institute on Drug Abuse where she was Chief of Chemistry and Drug Metabolism at NIDA's Intramural Research Program (IRP) in Baltimore, MD. She is internationally known and respected for her work at the IRP and as Adjunct Professor at the University of Maryland, School of Medicine, especially in regards to marijuana. I had the opportunity to meet her at the Borkenstien course on The Effects of Drugs on Human Performance last month. She spent a number of years in Maine and expressed interest in returning to present at our 2017 Impaired Driving Summit. [CBSNEWS](#)



MAINE BUREAU OF HIGHWAY SAFETY

Suspected overdose led to car wreck in Amherst, police say

NEWS CENTER , WCSH 8:19 AM. EST October 26, 2016

AMHERST, Maine (NEWS CENTER)

Two men face charges following an overdose related car-wreck in Amherst.

Deputy Dana Austin says the driver, 35-year-old Arnold Gross III, and his passenger 32-year-old Joseph Finnemore both of Old Town were suffering from suspected overdoses.



On October 5, 2016, at approximately 9:08 a.m., a 9-1-1 call came into Hancock County Communications Center about a possible impaired erratic driver on Route 9 in Amherst. Seconds later, the caller said the car went off the road and one person was passed out. After arriving at the scene, Deputy Austin found Gross passed out and suffering from a suspected drug overdose. While trying to save him, passenger Finnemore also became unresponsive from a suspected drug overdose.

They were both taken by ambulance while police continued to investigate. Arnold Gross III was charged with Operating Under the Influence and Joseph Finnemore was charged with Violation of Conditions of Release. Police say additional charges are likely.

DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT

EVALUATION & CLASSIFICATION SCHOOL

The intent of this NHTSA / IACP training course is to identify drivers that may be impaired by drugs. The DRE program will instruct the students, through the use of systematic and standardized examinations, how to determine whether the impairment is due to drugs, and if so, the broad category or combination of categories of drugs that is the likely cause of the observed impairment.

Personnel who may attend:

Full time law enforcement officers with a history of enforcing impaired driving laws and working for an agency committed to providing the logistic support necessary for the DRE to function at maximum effectiveness. Applicants will complete a multiphase process including supplemental application, oral board, and mentorship with an active DRE prior to being chosen for the class. Regional need will also be a consideration in choosing the final class.

Prerequisites:

SFST Proficiency. The ARIDE course is recommended but not required. Candidates must bring a laptop computer as manuals are in electronic format. A completed supplemental application will be required from the applicant in order for the DRE Certification Board to prepare for their candidate interview and recommend qualified applicants for the program.

Class Limit: 20 Students

Date: February 28 – March 10, 2017

Applications close January 1, 2017

Location: MCJA

Time: 8:00 - 5:00

Tuition Only: \$150.00

Day Student Cost: \$222.00

Residential Student Cost: \$439.00

Contact: James Lyman 877-8009

Spate of drugged driving deaths alarms U.S. regulators

The percentage of traffic deaths in which at least one driver tested positive for drugs has nearly doubled over a decade, raising alarms as five states are set to vote on legalization of marijuana.

[USA Today](#)

Cross-Examination For Prosecutors

Effective cross-examination is a critical part of any criminal trial. Never is this more true than when technical or scientific evidence is a central issue for the jury.

[NHTSA](#)

After the Stop and Before the Arrest – The National Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) Traffic Tuesday webinar on November 8 at 3:00 p.m. ET will discuss the constitutional limits on an officer's investigation and interaction with motor vehicle occupants after a stop and prior to placing the driver under arrest.

[More information and registration >>](#)

Holiday Season Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign – NHTSA materials for the November 25 –December 11 *Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving* holiday season impaired driving campaign are now available on the TrafficSafety-Marketing.gov website.

[Get campaign materials >>](#)



ADVANCED ROADSIDE IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT(A.R.I.D.E.) PROGRAM

Date: December 12-13, 2016
Location: Old Town Police Department
Time: 8:00 - 5:00
Fee: Sponsored by the Region 5 Training Council and the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety at no cost to your agency.
Contact: James Lyman 877-8009

Program Description:

The Maine Bureau of Highway Safety and the Maine Criminal Justice Academy are pleased to offer The National Highway Traffic Safety Administrations' A.R.I.D.E. course. The course provides officers a better understanding of the elements surrounding the enforcement of impaired driver laws. The course is designed to help officers become more proficient at detecting, apprehending, testing and prosecuting impaired drivers. The course includes elements of both the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) curriculum. **This course is not intended to certify you as a Drug Recognition Expert, although it is being considered as a prerequisite for future DRE candidates.** Attendees must be proficient in the SFST battery with emphasis on HGN procedures.

The candidate who successfully completes the training will be able to recognize that an individual may be under the influence of a drug or drugs other than alcohol, or under the combined influence of alcohol and other drugs, or suffering from some injury or illness that produces signs similar to alcohol/drug impairment.

This course was not designed to be offered to new police recruits. This is an intermediate level course designed to offer more than a basic understanding of the impairing effects of drugs (Illicit and Licit), alcohol, and/or the combination of both.

Personnel who may attend:

All full time law enforcement officers actively enforcing impaired driving laws that work for a department that is committed to detecting and deterring impaired drivers.

Prerequisites:

- o Full Time Law Enforcement Officer
- o Must have completed the SFST program and been deemed proficient by the MCJA.
- o Must meet with an instructor prior to the beginning of the class and review your SFST skills at which time the instructor will sign a new proficiency exam sheet. The signed exam sheet is required on the first day of class. Students without the sheet will not participate.

Class Limit: 20 Students (MCJA Registration required)

ARIDE

Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement





Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office

SFST – OUI Refresher Training

Downstate Traffic Stop Leads to Arrest of 3 Murder Suspects

Illinois Three men suspected of murder and found to be in possession of drugs and weapons were arrested last month during a traffic stop on a highway in downstate Danville, authorities said.

Shortly before 5 a.m. Aug. 27, an Illinois State Police trooper observed a Jeep Wrangler and a white Mercedes car driving erratically eastbound during a road rage incident on I-74 near milepost 200 in Danville.....

...ISP agents then contacted Colorado authorities regarding the Mercedes because the registered owner was not present. Agents learned the registered owner.... was reported missing by his mother on Aug. 26.

The owner...was found dead by Colorado authorities on Saturday. All three suspects.... are all suspected of being involved in his disappearance, police said.

"This is a perfect example of how a simple traffic stop can lead to the discovery of more serious crimes," said ISP Colonel Tad Williams. "Their teamwork with outside agencies and across state lines led to the seizure of illegal drugs, guns and ultimately resulted in the arrest of three dangerous criminals."

nbochicago.com

Date

Monday November 14, 2016
1300-1700

Location

Topsham Police/Fire/Rescue
Building
100 Main Street
Topsham, Maine 04086

Registration Information

Contact:
Chief Deputy Brett Strout
207-443-8532 (direct)
bstrout@sagsheriff.com

Instructor

Deputy Matt Sharpe
Sagadahoc County
Sheriff's Office

Who may attend

Class is open to sworn personnel
Limited to 15 students

Cost

There is a \$25.00 cost for this training.
Checks should be made out to: *Treasurer, Sagadahoc County*
Invoice and billing is available
Training materials/manuals and refreshments will be provided.

Additional Information

Students will receive updated SFST and OUI instruction as well as refresher training of the SFST and OUI practices and procedures. This is a great opportunity for L.E.O.'s to hone their skills because the training will provide students with updated training materials, practice exercises, and will conclude with a proficiency test. Additionally, students that have lapsed out of their training and need to restart their six month proficiency clock will receive M.C.J.A. recognition for that upon completion of the class.
Casual Dress. No required equipment

Speed Enforcement

Traffic Stop Results in Seizure of 124 Pounds of Marijuana – A Maryland trooper who stopped a minivan exceeding the **speed** limit on northbound Interstate 95 this past weekend saw "several indicators of criminal activity" and called for a K-9 to inspect the car. The K-9 alerted officers to the presence of drugs, and troopers found a number of trash bags containing 124 pounds of suspected marijuana with a street value of more than \$600,000.



[Read more >>](#)

Traffic stop leads to drug arrest

A Columbus *Ohio* man, who was initially stopped for **speeding**, was arrested Wednesday night on several drug charges.

theriver.com

Brunswick traffic stop yields drug arrest

May 26, 2016,

BRUNSWICK, Maine — Two Rhode Island men were arrested early Saturday morning on various charges after police stopped a car allegedly travelling down Pleasant Street at twice the posted **speed** limit.

Just before 12:30 a.m., Brunswick police stopped the 2016 Toyota Camry on Pleasant Street — a section of Route 1 posted with a 35 miles-per-hour limit — after allegedly clocking it at 70 miles per hour, Brunswick Police Cmdr. Marc Hagan said.

[BDN](#)

Maine Law Enforcement Phlebotomy Technician Training



Sponsored by :
Maine Bureau of Highway Safety

UPCOMING TRAINING

November 14-15, 2016
Two-Day Class
Husson College
Bangor
9:00am – 5:00pm



To register: www.leoblooddraw.com
Contact Andrea Thompson Andrea@leoblooddraw.com





Winslow Police Department Training Notice



PATROL OFFICER DRUG INVESTIGATIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>
January 23 rd and 24 th 2017	8:30 am to 4:00 pm	Oakland Police Department 7 Fairfield St, Oakland, ME 04963	\$189 per officer, or \$165 per officer in groups of 5
<u>Registration</u> Students can register for the class by logging onto Professional Law Enforcement Training website, at www.pletraining.com clicking onto the "SCHEDULE" Menu and selecting Oakland Maine .		<u>Contact Person</u> Chief Shawn O'Leary 207-872-5215 ext. 5300 soleary@winslow-me.gov	

Course Overview

Drug-related crimes are impacting every community across the United States. Law enforcement agencies devote a tremendous amount of resources to combat illegal narcotic activity. Uniform patrol officers are in a prime position to target drug offenders. From the drug addict, to the upper-level dealers, patrol officers must be prepared to handle these unpredictable criminals.

There are various techniques and tactics that patrol officers can utilize to be more effective at arresting drug violators. The officers must be familiar with basic drug identification as well as search and seizure case law. Knock & Talk operations, when conducted properly, can be a very successful tactic to combat illegal narcotic trafficking. Officers must receive proper training and understand the limitations of knock & talks in order for this tactic to be effective. All too often, drug dealers are arrested, prosecuted, and found "not guilty" due to poor report writing or officer testimony in court.

Proper report writing and courtroom testimony are necessary to secure a conviction and send the drug violator to prison. Officers will receive tips for testifying along with terminology that should be included in drug arrest reports.

Narcotic investigations are extremely dangerous in nature. Patrol officers often encounter armed drug traffickers who are willing to protect their drug stashes at all costs. Officer safety concerns while investigating drug offenses will be studied.

The majority of Patrol Officer Drug courses across the country focus on highway interdiction. The primary focus of this 2 day training course is teaching patrol officers proven techniques that will assist them in investigating narcotic offenses in their communities. After attending this course, patrol officers will have the resources and training to seize larger quantities of drugs, firearms, and U.S. currency.

Several prosecutors have asked if we could send out a friendly reminder to officers to make every effort in grabbing the caller's info, copy of the 911 call, and a written statement from witnesses who report the OUI.

This can be easily overlooked but as you all know the caller often has valuable information that the officer is not privy to. Additionally, it's always very helpful to the prosecution when a lay witness can testify in court in regards to the operation and observations of the suspect. Any help you can give is certainly appreciated.



Officer Safety Alert

Drug Enforcement Administration

Carfentanil: A Dangerous New Factor in the U.S. Opioid Crisis

Carfentanil is a synthetic opioid approximately 10,000 times more potent than morphine and 100 times more potent than fentanyl. The presence of carfentanil in illicit U.S. drug markets is cause for concern, as the relative strength of this drug could lead to an increase in overdoses and overdose-related deaths, even among opioid-tolerant users. The presence of carfentanil poses a significant threat to first responders and law enforcement personnel who may come in contact with this substance. **In any situation where any fentanyl-related substance, such as carfentanil, might be present, law enforcement should carefully follow safety protocols to avoid accidental exposure.**

Officer & Public Safety Information

Carfentanil and other fentanyl analogues present a serious risk to public safety, first responder, medical, treatment, and laboratory personnel. These substances can come in several forms, including powder, blotter paper, tablets, patch, and spray. Some forms can be absorbed through the skin or accidentally inhaled. If encountered, responding personnel should do the following based on the specific situation:

- **Exercise extreme caution.** Only properly trained and outfitted law enforcement professionals should handle any substance suspected to contain fentanyl or a fentanyl-related compound. If encountered, contact the appropriate officials within your agency.
- **Be aware of any sign of exposure.** Symptoms include: respiratory depression or arrest, drowsiness, disorientation, sedation, pinpoint pupils, and clammy skin. The onset of these symptoms usually occurs within minutes of exposure.
- **Seek IMMEDIATE medical attention.** Carfentanil and other fentanyl-related substances can work very quickly, so in cases of suspected exposure, it is important to call EMS immediately. If inhaled, move the victim to fresh air. If ingested and the victim is conscious, wash out the victim's eyes and mouth with cool water.
- **Be ready to administer naloxone in the event of exposure.** Naloxone is an antidote for opioid overdose. Immediately administering naloxone can reverse an overdose of carfentanil, fentanyl, or other opioids, although multiple doses of naloxone may be required. Continue to administer a dose of naloxone every 2-3 minutes until the individual is breathing on his/her own for at least 15 minutes or until EMS arrives.
- **Remember that carfentanil can resemble powdered cocaine or heroin.** If you suspect the presence of carfentanil or any synthetic opioid, do not take samples or otherwise disturb the substance, as this could lead to accidental exposure. Rather, secure the substance and follow approved transportation procedures.

Lethality:

Carfentanil is used as a tranquilizing agent for elephants and other large mammals. The lethal dose range for carfentanil in humans is unknown; however, **carfentanil is approximately 100 times more potent than fentanyl, which can be lethal at the 2-milligram range (photograph), depending on route of administration and other factors.**

For additional safety information, please use the resources below:

- CDC Health Advisory (#CDCHAN-00384); <http://emergency.cdc.gov/han/han00384.asp>
- CDC Health Update (#CDCHAN-00395); <http://emergency.cdc.gov/han/han00395.asp>
- DEA Fentanyl Warning Video; https://www.dea.gov/video_clips/Fentanyl%20Roll%20Call%20Video.mp4

